

September 10, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Request for Participation in Academic Conference

1. I request approval to accept an invitation to be a discussant on one of the panels to be presented at the Central Slavic Conference at the University of [redacted] on November 8 and 9, 1974.

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2. The Central Slavic Conference is a regional affiliate of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. For some reason, the Central Conference tends to focus on contemporary Soviet affairs far more than do the other regional organizations within the AAASS. The annual meetings of the Central Conference often feature topics of interest to me, particularly those on Soviet foreign policy. A copy of the agenda at last year's meeting, which I attended, is attached and provides an idea of the kinds of topics this conference includes.

3. I am a member of the Central Slavic Conference and the AAASS and have attended regional and national meetings in the past. I have personal and academic ties to the midwest. I am a native of the area, and a graduate of midwestern universities [redacted] ties [redacted]

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[redacted] I have done graduate study and teaching in Soviet affairs, and have written articles on Soviet foreign policy that have been published in the Foreign Service Journal, Yale Review, and Russian Review.

4. The agenda for this year's Central Slavic Conference has not been published yet, but I have been asked by a panel chairman, Dr. Phillip Petersen of the University of Illinois, to take part in a panel on the subject of Sino-Soviet relations. A paper is to be presented by Dr. David K. McQuilkin of Kent State on the role of nationalism as a motivating factor in the dispute. Another paper, to be prepared by a Col. Arthur D. McQueen of the Army Security Agency Training Center, is to deal with the dispute in military terms. My role will be to comment briefly on McQuilkin's paper (i.e., how he handled the topic, the approach he used, good points he made, etc.).

5. As indicated on the attached agenda from last year, conference participants are identified by the institution with which they are affiliated. I will be identified as being with the CIA, but it will be made clear that I am not representing the Agency or Agency views. I will be there, like other participants, on the basis of professional interest and academic background in the overall area that these conferences deal with. I believe the contact is a useful one of professional benefit to me and to this Agency.

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# CENTRAL SLAVIC Conference

12th  
ANNUAL  
MEETING

NOVEMBER 2-3, 1973

## Luncheon and Dinner Speakers

*Karl A. Wittfogel*, Visiting Scholar, Columbia University and Professor Emeritus, University of Washington, "The Soviet Union and Asia: A Special Reference to China" — Luncheon, November 2

*Bertram D. Wolfe*, Hoover Institute on War, Revolution and Peace, "The Convergence Theory and Other Mysteries of the Detente" — Dinner, November 2

*Alfred G. Meyer*, University of Michigan, "An Anti-Anti-Communist Looks at Detente" — Luncheon, November 3

## PARTICIPANTS AND PAPERS

### THEME 1 — *The Seventies and Beyond: Peaceful Coexistence, Convergence or Mutual Accommodation*

*Otakar Barta*, Oklahoma State University and *Wieslaw Prus-Glowacki*, A. Mickiewicz University — "Scientific Studies in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union — An Overview"

*Kenneth Ciboski*, Wichita State University — "The Significance of Party Organizations in the Career of Top Soviet Leaders"

*Elizabeth Clayton*, University of Missouri at St. Louis — "Regional Consumption Expenditures in the Soviet Union: A Comparative Standard of Living Study"

*Helen Deslosses Cohn*, Harvard University — "Pessimism, Convergence and Soviet-African Relations"

*William Fletcher*, University of Kansas — "Religion in the U.S.S.R.: the Hate-Love Relationship"

*George H. Hampsch*, College of the Holy Cross — "Technology and the Prospects for Peace: The View from Another Side"

*Roger Kanet*, University of Illinois — "The Soviet Role in the Middle East: the Politics of Influence-Building"

*Roy D. Laird*, University of Kansas — "Soviet Agriculture"

*John Langley*, University of Kansas — "Problems of Copyright and Censorship"

*David A. Law*, University of Missouri at Rolla — "Creating the New Soviet Teacher — A Case Study at the Volgograd Pedagogical Institute"

*Richard D. Little*, Northern Illinois University — "Rationality and Soviet Politics"

*J. Gregory Oswald* and *Gordon Packard*, University of Arizona — "The Meaning of Soviet Writing on Contemporary Latin America"

*Phillip A. Petersen*, University of Illinois — "Soviet Perceptions of U.S. Military Sufficiency 1960-1973"

*Joseph Schiebel*, Georgetown University — "The U.S.S.R. in World Affairs: New Tactics, New Strategy"

*Charles Timberlake*, University of Missouri at Columbia — "Summitry as a Method of Diplomacy"

*Gary I. Thompson*, University of Oklahoma — "